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Supervisor Newsom Speaks to GPA Meeting

By Zoanne Nordstrom

Supervisor Gavin Newsom, Chair of the Small Business, Economic Development and Consumer Services Committee, spoke to residents at the Glen Park Association meeting March 9. He encouraged us to continue our letters, faxes, e-mails and information to elected officials and said this neighborhood is "well above the curve in what we are doing to protect the character of the neighborhood and work to get back a full-service grocery and Terry's Meat & Deli." Newsom explained that his committee does not handle land-use issues, which are the domain of the Transportation and Land Use Committee, Chaired by Supervisor Leslie Katz.

Asked what could be done on a local



Supervisor Gavin Newsom, Chair of Small Business, Economic Development and Consumer Services Committee

Photo by Z. Nordstrom

level, he said that he and other supervisors were looking into options that would assist neighborhoods and small businesses and he would get back to us.

At the Garden Club, Spring is Bustin' Out

By Jeff Britt

With winter past and spring well under way, the Glen Park Garden Club is moving into high gear with its monthly meetings, plans for special activities and events and community projects. The club now has 40 active members who share a common interest and pleasure in gardening. The club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the home of a GPGC member.

The April meeting featured guest speakers Georgie and Jim Robinett, who presented a fascinating introduction to

Calochortus, beautiful spring-flowering California native bulbs. Their talk was wonderfully concise, informative, intriguing and inspiring and their photography of these beautiful plants had everyone in the group ready to plant some right away! Future meetings will feature presentations on ever-popular garden plants: roses will be featured at the June 1 meeting.

The GPGC also has taken on the ongoing responsibility of maintaining the "Village Garden" on Diamond Street, just up from Chenery Street. This past fall and winter, club members pruned and cleaned up the garden and planted over 100 daffodil bulbs, which were at their peak in early April. Club members will be labeling all the plants with their common and botanical names and

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Neighbors Develop Plans to Develop Diamond Super

By Zoanne Nordstrom

Supervisor Mark Leno introduced a resolution to the Board of Supervisors on April 5 in which he commended the Diamond Super Steering Committee's "plan for replacing the burned-out Diamond Super and Terry's Deli with [a] combination building consisting of a grocery/butcher and residential housing."

In a press release, Supervisor Leno said, "Merchants and residents in Glen Park have worked hard to devise a plan which would meet the needs of Glen Park while at the same time make economic sense for the property owner. In fact, the Association's plan appears to be a completely viable option to prevent a chain store takeover."

Supervisors Tom Ammiano, Alicia Bercerril, Sue Bierman, Amos Brown, Leslie Katz, Gavin Newsom, Mabel Teng and Leland Yee have signed on as co-sponsors of the resolution, and we thank all of them for their support and interest in this neighborhood issue of citywide importance.

Meanwhile, the Steering Committee of Diamond Super Site is still working and refining plans to present to owner Anita Stelling of Eugene, Oregon. Our goal is to persuade her that providing commercial space on the ground floor,

where the market used to be, and housing on a second floor, is in her economic interest. Of course, it is in our interest as well: the neighborhood needs and wants a full-service grocery and Terry's Meat & Deli. To date we have received more than 19 letters from other neighborhood and small merchant organizations supporting our efforts, and we have several hundred petitions and a bundle of letters from individuals supporting our efforts.

George Cothran of *SF Weekly* wrote an article on our unique approach to this issue (April 14, 1999). He was impressed that we were researching all aspects of what kind of development the neighborhood wanted, and that we had actually put together a tentative plan to submit to the owner.

The Steering Committee, co-chaired by Dr. Dan Gustavson and Zoanne Nordstrom, includes Attorney Barry Wildorf, Architect Bruce Bonacher, Glen Park Merchants Association President Marie Simard, Realtor Matt Flynn, and Terry Bloom (Terry's Meat & Deli). Each member has tasks and the committee is doing its best to find a win-win solution for all of us. Please keep up the good support work.

Terry Reopens at Cordova Market

By Denis Wade

Terry's Meat & Deli, burned out in the Diamond Super fire last November, is back in business, at the Cordova Market, 301 Rolph St. From Mission Street, take Geneva Avenue east to Naples (the first traffic light east of Mission), then go a block south to Rolph. Note that Rolph Street is one-way, westbound. It takes about seven minutes from Glen Park.

"We have not given up on returning to Glen Park," Terry says, "but until then come visit us in our new location." Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, and 9 to 6 Saturdays. Terry's phone number is 333-1148.

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planning summer watering and planting activities. If you haven't noticed the Village Garden already, please be sure to walk by next time you're down in the village and admire the work of the GPGC volunteers who are helping to beautify Glen Park. If you see a worker there, be sure to say "Hi!"

In addition to monthly meetings where club members get to spend time in the hosting member's garden, talking about garden successes and failures as well as getting practical answers to gardening questions, GPGC has planned additional activities for members. On May 2, club members took a nursery tour in the Sebastopol area, featuring a special guided tour of an iris nursery. In July, we have planned our third annual GPGC garden tour of members' gardens, with brunch. Last year's garden tour and brunch was a great success and this year's promises to be even better, with six member gardens on display. The tour is for members and their invited guests only, so for the benefit of this great event alone, you may want to consider joining!

For more information about the Glen Park Garden Club, please call Judy Creighton at 333-4120.

Dogs Get Their Day

By Richard Craib

On March 24, a number of dog enthusiasts, personal, professional, and political, assembled at McLaren Lodge. Their intended purpose, an on-going series of meetings not to curb (pardon the pun) the population explosion of animals on our streets and in our parks, but to legitimize their presence off leash.

Early on the co-chair of the task force was unabashed in his effort to right the wrongs his neighbors perpetrated on him and his dog in Noe Valley by requiring it be on leash in his local park.

He stated dog feces might be a nuisance but are not life threatening, although they might taste bad if a child ingested some. Another member seconded this by saying broken glass was more prevalent in our parks.

Remnant natural areas survived fairly well despite the fact the committee did not understand the significance of natural areas and their management. It was explained to us that baseline animal legislation preceded natural areas management and would take precedence.

The committee then set to the task of legitimizing off leash dog walking in Glen Canyon Park. Long known as San Francisco's premier significant natural area, it has the city's only publicly accessible year-round stream, and over 150 native plants.

Granted there are time constraints, but given the lack of off leash enforcement historically, things do not bode well for the future of Glen Canyon Park.

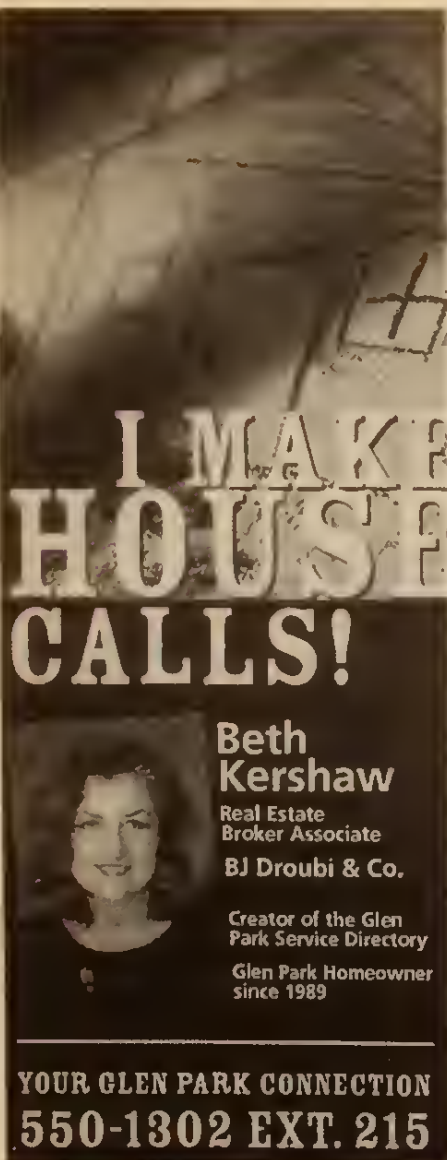
While removal of invasive exotic plants and restoration of our natural areas is our goal, plants can be controlled.

Unleashed dogs, however, dig into the soil, chasing gophers, creating erosion problems, and suffocating adjacent plant communities.

Dog owner, Recreation and Park assistant superintendent, and committee chair, Mike Morlin says ample signage will be in place regarding rules and regulations in all off leash areas.

Because the hour was late, the committee did not touch on enforcement, penalties or a host of other issues.

Judging by the tenor of those in attendance we are seeing another polarization of citizenry, a new political special interest group or both.



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In Glen Canyon Park

with Jean Conner

Spring seemed late in coming to Glen Canyon Park this year. Just when it seemed we were going to have warm sunny weather, the clouds would move in and there would be more days of rain. Some people have said that the flowers were later this year. It seemed to me they were right on time as usual, although there were fewer of them.

There are so many variables that affect the growth and flowering of plants that it is difficult to determine just why a plant is not performing as we expect. A couple of years ago Jake Sigg, president of the Yerba Buena Native Plant Society, gave me some columbine seeds from Glen Canyon Park to grow for the canyon. Being from Nebraska, I waited until early Spring to plant the seeds. Months later I got tired of looking at the bare planting mix and dumped it. When I told

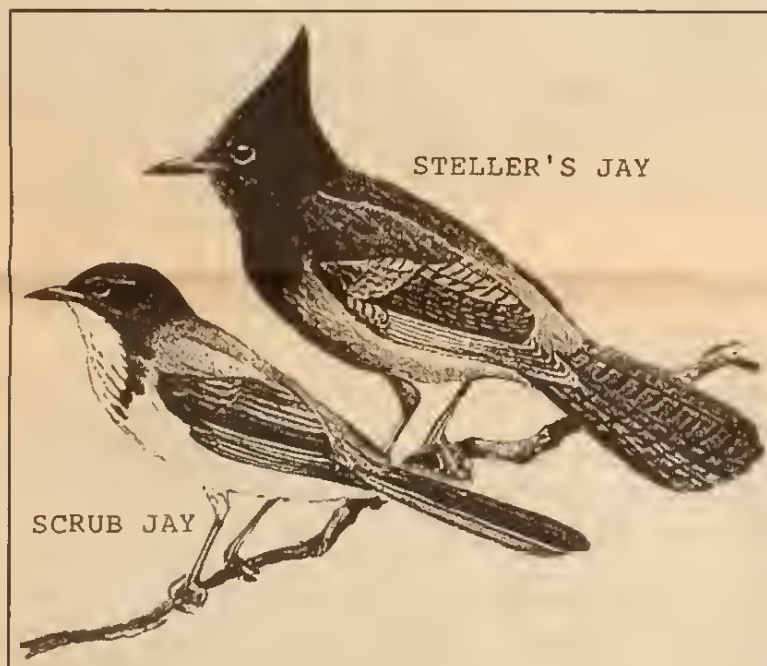
The shooting stars bloomed in February this year. The three known patches of plants in the canyon were large but the number of blossoms were disappointingly few. Last year we didn't see any flowers. This year only one of the flowers appeared to set seed. The Friends of Glen Canyon have been hoping to gather seed in order to introduce more shooting stars to the Canyon but we must wait for a better seed-producing year.

In March the pink-flowering currants were at their peak and in April the columbine was at its best. The buttercups were plentiful this Spring and the poppies came out in full force in April. They were quite spectacular on the west side of O'Shaughnessy Boulevard.

Red-tailed hawks returned to the canyon, to the same nest they have used for the past three or more years. The female began sit-

ting on the nest in early March. The eggs should hatch in about 30 or 35 days and chicks should be seen by the time this is published.

A great blue heron was seen in Glen Canyon this Spring. It was just stopping by on its way elsewhere. Its preferred food is fish. People living near Golden Gate Park have found their goldfish ponds emptied by these large birds. Herons are also known to eat rats, mice, gophers and snakes so this one might have had a snack in our park before



STELLER'S JAY

SCRUB JAY

Jake how none of the seeds had germinated I found out that columbine seeds are triggered by the amount of daylight. The proper time to start columbine from seed is in the Fall when days are shorter and Winter rains will soon begin.

Some plants need dry conditions, others wet. Some need a period of cold weather and others need heat. Some seeds need fire or to be scarified by weather or passing through the gut of an animal. Some of the grasses grow better when the old foliage is removed either by fire or by a grazing animal. Plants are also affected by the type of soil and the minerals, microbes and other components of the earth.

Our native plants evolved in a climate low in nitrogen. Garden and lawn fertilizers and the exhaust from cars have introduced large amounts of nitrogen into the air and water. The non-native plants are thriving on this excess of nitrogen and out-compete the natives.

flying on.

Steller's jays were seen in the park this year. This is surprising. For more than 20 years no Steller's jays have been seen in San Francisco though they are common in all the counties around the city. The Steller's jay is a large blue bird with a black head and a black crest. The jay that is common to San Francisco is the scrub jay, a blue bird with a grey back, light underparts and no crest.

Garter snakes are numerous in the canyon this Spring, or perhaps I have been noticing them more. It seems as if I have seen at least one every time I have gone into the canyon. Their yellow and red stripes were bright and shiny, like they had put on a new Spring suit. I got a surprise one afternoon while removing cape ivy from under the willows along the creek. I reached under a stump to pull out a handful of ivy roots and came up with a snake. I don't know which of us was the more startled.

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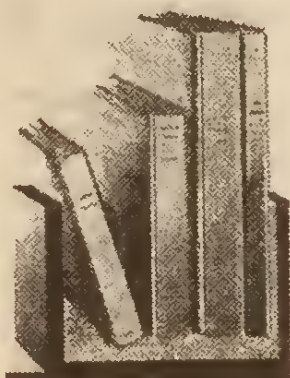
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By Mark Hall

Glen Park Branch Librarian

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Neighborhood History - Soak up some Glen Park history at a program co-sponsored by the Library and the Glen Park Recreation Center. Local historian Patricia Duff will present a slide talk about neighborhood history last week at the Glen Park Recreation Center. Patricia is a storehouse of knowledge on the neighborhood, having led City Guides tours here for years. The Glen Park Branch Library is seeking to build up its collection of local historic photos. If you have photos showing life in Glen Park and the surrounding neighborhoods of Fairmount, Sunnyside, Miraloma, etc., from any time period up to the 1970s, and you're willing to let the library copy them, please contact us.

Summer Reading Club for Kids - Infants, toddlers, elementary school kids, and middle schoolers can win books, trips to museums, baseball tickets or other prizes by joining the Summer Reading Club, which runs from June 5 through August 6. Kids will win prizes according to how much time they spend reading (or being read to, for younger children). Just sign up for your "summer reading record," start reading, and collect your prizes!

Kid Power Volunteer Program - Kids ages 11-16 can sign up as "Kid Power" volunteers this summer. Kid Power volunteers help us with the Summer Reading Club, registering other children, helping them track their reading, and distributing prizes. Volunteers who complete the minimum hours receive a very cool Kid Power T-shirt and other prizes.

Teen Summer Read - High school age teens have their own reading club again this summer. In addition to reading, teens take part in a number of activities around the city, and can win prizes such as Tower Records gift certificates, books, movie passes and gift certificates at restaurants. The "Teen Summer Read" runs from June 5 to July 17.

Library Program Calendar (Call for details)

Every Tuesday:	Preschool films, storytimes or crafts.
June 9	"Don't Get Bored!" program for middle schoolers
June 19	Chris Molla, Songwriter and Musician
June 23	Boswick Turnstyle Jr., Clown
July 10	Magic Show with the Flying Calamaris
July 14	Juggling with Banzai Bunnell
July 22	Petting Zoo
July 31	Pennyroyal Puppet Theater
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Consumer Smarts— A Guide for the Perplexed

By Ellis Gans

Contracts: Think before you sign

Many people are intimidated by printed contracts and tend to assume that the law will ensure that their interests are protected. Not necessarily true. The contracts that businesses issue for goods or services are primarily designed to protect the business.

If you want to be a shrewd consumer and avoid later arguments over price, quality or delivery, you must read a contract carefully. Be sure that any important promises the salesperson makes are written into the contract or sales receipt. The law will not save you from agreeing to a contract that is not in your interest.

You can modify any contract by adding or deleting anything as long as the other party initials the change (for big-ticket items it's best to get the supervisor or manager to sign). If the business won't agree to your changes, see if you can negotiate mutually acceptable terms. If you can't, then consider whether you want to do business with that firm.

Here are some typical things to look for:

- Delivery in the future. Be sure a definite delivery date is included (or if the exact date isn't known, then delivery to be made on or before (date). If you are signing up for a year's service (health club, dating service, modeling school, etc.), make sure there is a cancellation clause that will let you out if you decide to cancel early (client may cancel this contract at any time upon 30 days notice and receive a pro-rata refund for the unused portion).

- Warranties. Does it include parts and labor? Who pays the shipping to and from the repair station? Exactly what is covered, and for how long?

- Returns. If you are not satisfied, how long a period do you have in which to return the item? Will you get a full refund or only a store credit?

- Special Order Goods. Be sure the exact make and model number of the item are specified, as well as whether substitutions or close matches are permitted.

- Internet Shopping. Be sure you know all the charges, including shipping and handling (S&H), before you buy. On some sites S&H may not appear

until the very end. Sometimes S&H may be inflated, so compare with other sites and stores before you buy. Internet shopping, while convenient, can be risky. Print out all material promises and claims. Before buying, find out the guarantees, return and refund policies, location for repairs, where the company is actually located, and who to contact for customer service. Keep a printed record of exactly what you purchased, the date, price and terms of sale. When it comes to consumer protection, buyers are pretty much on their own. The Internet makes it easy for scam artists, so be very careful and ask the right questions before you buy.

Consumer protection for retail purchases can be frustrating and time consuming if you try to get public agencies to come to your rescue. Some will try to mediate on your behalf; if that doesn't work, often the only recourse is small claims court for amounts under \$5,000. Even that may not be practical for Internet purchases. If you want better consumer protection, write your state and federal legislators.

Ellis Gans is a retired electrical contractor who volunteers his time as a consumer advisor for KGO's "Channel 7 on Your Side." Consumer questions can be phoned to the station Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 954-8151. He is also a business counselor for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) and treasurer of the Glen Park Association.

Supervisors Eye Living Wage Bill

By David Williams

Supervisor Tom Ammiano says he plans to introduce legislation in May to require a minimum living wage for employees of City contractors. Nationally, 22 cities have passed living wage bills, including Oakland, San Jose, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York.

Hilda Wade, a single San Francisco mother with a 10-year old daughter, takes home \$900 a month working full-time as a security guard for a private firm contracted by the city. "I am working a second job on weekends to make ends meet," she says. "The cost of living is so high in this city...there have been times when I didn't eat but my daughter did." Wade is among those who have asked the City to require its contractors to pay employees a living wage. More than 400 people attended and spoke at two Board hearings on the issue.

"Anyone who works full-time in San Francisco should earn enough to live in San Francisco," said Father Peter Sammon of St. Teresa's. It's a matter of basic fairness."

A 1996 study cited by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) puts the minimum self-sufficiency wage for a single parent with one child living in San Francisco at \$13 an hour for workers with health benefits and \$14.50 an hour for those without. That works out to \$477 a week in take-home pay to cover rent, utilities, food, clothing, transportation and all other expenses for a family of two.

Another person struggling to make ends meet in San Francisco is Nettie Caesar, a home-care worker. "I take care of people who can't take care of themselves. I get them out of bed in the morn-

ing, I wash them, get them ready for breakfast, clean their house and do their laundry. I take home \$250 a week working full-time. I don't see how people with a family can make it. I know how hard it is for one person."

Barry Hermanson, owner of an employment service in the Castro and co-chair of the Coalition for a Living Wage added, "Businesses have done just fine in the other cities with a living wage ordinance and they'll do just fine in San Francisco."

"It's a very important issue that we need to look at here in San Francisco" says Glen Park resident Zoanne Nordstrom. Ammiano, president of the Board of Supervisors, also spoke out at the hearings. "No job should pay less than it costs to survive," he said. "Our tax dollars should not be used to subsidize poverty wages."

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A Letter from State Senator Jackie Speier

I am thrilled to be back in the California State Legislature serving the residents of San Francisco and San Mateo counties. It was my great pleasure recently to meet Zoanne Nordstrom and Richard Craib, who took me on a very informative tour of Glen Canyon Park. The beauty of San Francisco's parks continually astounds me and I am committed to doing all I can to help maintain and preserve our city's precious open space.

I'd like to tell you about some of the bills I am carrying this year-legislation I believe will improve the quality of life for all Californians.

As those of you who drink milk may already know, the price of milk in California's large retail grocery stores is the highest in the nation. I have introduced SB 419, which would repeal a 30-year-old law that prohibits retail grocers from selling milk below cost. Right now, milk is the only item in your grocery cart that is prohibited from being advertised as a loss leader. It is my belief that the cost of basic nutritional items such as milk should never be priced so high that consumers are forced to do without. Until the price of milk comes down, it pays to shop around. The price of milk at your small corner grocer could be from \$.40 to \$1.40 cheaper than [at] the large supermarket chains!

As chair of the Senate Insurance Committee, I have a unique opportunity to help shape health care policy for the

state. It is my intention to develop and promote policies that allow doctors and patients, not health care corporations, to determine the types of medical services that are needed. SB 254 establishes an external independent review mechanism for persons who wish to contest medical or coverage decisions made by their HMO. This is an extremely important new protection for managed care enrollees who believe their plan has wrongfully denied them important medical treatment. SB 260 prohibits HMOs from using financial incentives such as withholds and bonuses that could affect a physician's decision in the use of referrals and hospital services.

There are many more bills I'd like to tell you about, but space is at a premium! If you would like to keep track of my work, please visit my website at www.sen.ca.gov/speier. Just follow the links to subscribe electronically to my press releases and consumer alerts or to check the status of my bills, or any bills in the Legislature.

My staff and I are always here to serve you. Please call my district office at (650) 340-8840 if you ever need assistance with state issues. Also, look for the opening of my new office in the Civic Center at the end of June.

I look forward to providing you with periodic updates of my legislation through the pages of the Glen Park News.

turned their dream into a reality by founding Synergy School. When it opened its doors at its original location at Castro and 24th streets, the school had just three teachers and 20 students. Although it is substantially larger now, its philosophy remains unchanged: to provide a top-notch education to students while helping them to blossom as individuals and become self-confident, creative learners. Teachers use encouragement, cooperation, mutual respect and ownership of responsibility as they work with students academically.

Fittingly, the school's organizational structure reflects its educational philosophy. Synergy operates collectively; all teachers at the school are both directors on its board and classroom instructors, and all decisions are made with the participation of everyone in the collective.

Applications are still being accepted for grades 1-7 at Synergy School. Please call 567-6177 if you'd like to receive additional information about Synergy, its programs and its application process.

Community Calendar

Glen Park Association Meetings-
2nd Tuesday of the Month,
7:30 p.m. Glen Park Recreation
Center (Elk & Chenery Streets)

June 8th

Captain Rick Bruce from Ingleside
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July 13th

Annual Summer Social; Potluck and
Barbeque. Join with us and meet
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August

Vacation - No meeting

The **Glen Park Garden Club** meets
at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each
month. Come share the joys (and
frustrations) of gardening with fellow
Glen Park gardeners, learn about a
new gardening topic each month, and
see members' gardens! For more
information and meeting location,
call Judy Creighton at 333-4120.

Art Shows Coming to Cafe ?

May: Rich Sigberman

June: Elluighton Brown

July: Sam Cahill

August: Peter Fairfield

Friends of Glen Canyon Park

Meetings are held on the 3rd
Wednesday of the Month at
7:30 p.m. in the Glen Park Recreation
Center (Elk & Chenery Streets) in the
Auditorium. For information contact
Richard Craib, 648-0862.

Friends of Glen Canyon

Restoration Work Party meets to
work in the Canyon on the 3rd
Saturday of the month from 9 a.m.
until noon: June 19th and July 17th.
Meet behind the Recreation Center at
the picnic tables. Wear work clothes
and bring gloves.

Please submit any calendar items to:

Glen Park Association

PO Box 31392

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Synergy School Seeks Students

By Renata Miller, Synergy Parent

Some major construction is going on at 25th and Valencia streets. When the dust settles by September, the completed building and newly landscaped grounds will be the new home of Synergy School, a progressive, independent institution founded 26 years ago. The school, which currently serves kindergartners through 6th graders, is moving from its home on Grove Street near Alamo Square Park so that it can expand to include 7th and eventually 8th grade students. Approximately 120 children are expected to attend Synergy's new home in the fall.

Synergy School has a rich San Francisco history. In 1973, three young teachers had a vision of what education should provide for children in our city; they



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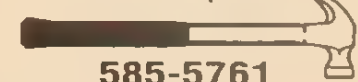
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Poetry Contest Winners Announced

by Jill Gasowski

The top three winners of the poetry contest sponsored by Glen Park Books have been selected from among more than 40 entries received. Participants were age 15 and under. There was lively discussion amongst the judges in selecting the winners. The judges were local poets Geddes Fielder, Myung Kim, Kathleen Lodge, Jim Queen and Katharine Harer. Jill from Glen Park Books also participated.

The top honor went to **Nicholas Hernandez**, age 8, for the following poem:

"War Has Consequences"

In Babylon
the Hanging Gardens were
so beautiful
one of a kind
unique
and so beautiful.
People from all the world
came to see them
and when they were destroyed
the universe wept.
Beauty can still be found.
Before war
there were things of such beauty.
War has consequences
people die in war and been hurt
by war and
the last of it
war destroys.

Second place went to **Maria Santillo**, age 10, for her haiku:

"Rain"

Rain drops drizzle down
My window like small rivers
Flowing to the sea

And third place was awarded to **Danielle K. Schutz**, age 13, for the following poem:

"To Him"

I'd walk through wind and rain
To gain your love and be rid of
this pain.
I don't want someone fake.
All I want to be,
Is someone you really see.
You listen, and really hear.
You feel, and hold me dear.
My world is upside down,
And I'm waiting to be found.
"I'm sorry" is not enough.
Forget all that stuff.
It's too late.
I've been found,
Just not by you.

Honorable mentions went to Jack Crawford and Erin Wilk. Thanks to all the participants for their contribution to the poetry world. The entries represented a lot of good work. Winners were awarded prizes from the following participating merchants: Glen Park Books, Dr. Video, La Corneta, Diamond Pizza, Critter Fritters, Glen Park Flowers, Glen Park Hardware, Cheese Boutique, Cafe? and Creighton's Bakery. Glen Park Books has on display the winning poems, the prizes awarded and other poetry entries.

Open Studios For Artists and Fans

By A. Mitchell

In a few months, more than 600 artists will open their studios to the public during the 24th annual San Francisco Open Studios event. Glen Park artists and residents are invited to participate. The event covers four weekends in October. Free maps will be available throughout the city as the event gets closer, and a web site at the SomARTS Gallery will show one small piece from every artist participating. Directories will be available for purchase at the gallery.

Visitors to the open studios can discover new artists and watch the development of their work. Participating artists can present their work in an uncensored environment, sharing their creative process with the public. It is a great opportunity for artists to sell artwork, gain exposure, network and increase their mailing lists. Deadlines for artists to register are coming up. Depending on whether you choose to be included in the directory, map and/or SomARTS exhibit, the due dates differ. Call ArtSpan for more information at 861-9838 or e-mail artspan@dnai.com.

As an artist living and working in Glen Park, I'd love to know who else is going to participate in the San Francisco Open Studios this year. Wouldn't it be great to provide the neighborhood a list of all participating artists? It would give the artists neighborhood recognition and networking opportunities. If you would like to be published as a participating artist, please send a postcard with your name, medium and address to: A. Mitchell, 1041 Bosworth St., SF 94131.

Preschool Plans for Glen Park Property

By Rosemary Rae

You may have noticed the new building under construction next to the library, and you might even be aware that the space will be occupied by Glen Park Preschool, an infant center, and a residence. It is not likely, however, that you know of the rich heritage represented by the project and its developers, the family of Bill and Val Tietz.

In 1900, 10-year-old Elise Beneke, Bill Tietz' mother, emigrated with her family from Germany due to fear of militarism. They lived at 657 Chenery,

where records indicate that water service was first installed in 1872. Elise delivered milk from the cows that were kept underneath their house. The horses were housed in the stucco building that is now a garage behind the library building. She told stories of seeing clouds of smoke coming from downtown on earthquake day in 1906 as she walked her milk route to customers up the hill.

When her older sister lost their home on Alabama Street they bought the vacant lot at 649 Chenery. The Red Cross erected a two-room "earthquake house," where they lived until 1964. At that time Bill and Val purchased the house and lot from his cousin. The three adjacent lots-the library and the lot on either side-have been in the family now for five generations.

Bill worked most of his life as an architect for the federal government. At the age of 17 he had already won two national competitions for drafting. His love of reading was related to the building of the Glen Park Library. Bill retired at age 75 and died two years ago before the completion of his final project at 649 Chenery. It was Bill's and Val's dream to offer the library the opportunity to expand into the main level of the new building but when funds could not be procured the offer for expansion was extended to Glen Park Preschool.

Glen Park Preschool has operated on Diamond Street for eight years. During that time I have completed the Master's Degree program in Early Childhood Education at S.F. State, where I met my friend and now to be co-director, Judy Heldberg. We hope to offer a program that will serve children, their families and the community. We invite the community to attend the grand opening (around the first of August) knowing that Bill, whose dream will be realized, will be there overseeing all.



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Glen Park Association Committee Reports

Program

Evonne Zamora, Precinct Services Manager, from the Department of Elections attended the April 13 meeting and brought us information to get ready for the new voting machines which will be a kind of "scan card," fed into the machine, which will allow for the immediate vote count. Technically, by 8:00:01 p.m. all the votes will be counted and we will have results available. The department is calling for poll workers and monitors for the November election. Informational materials were distributed and will be available at subsequent meetings. For further information, call Evonne Zamora at 554-4397.

Recreation and Park

Strong requests have been made to the Recreation and Park Department for park rules covering all park users; there are currently no posted rules governing park behavior.

The slide show of Glen Canyon Park's wildflowers on April 13 was educational and beautiful. Wildflowers are late this year because of the cold weather.

Park District Councils are being formed following the supervisor district's voting areas. All parks within the same district would elect representatives to a district council where city-wide and individual park needs can be agreed upon

and funded. Banding together will give neighborhood parks the 'clout' they need to work with the Rec and Park Department and City Hall.

Health and Environment

Carole Smith, Director of Marketing, from On Lok Senior Services gave an important and informative talk about their programs. There are currently eight senior centers in San Francisco which provide a wide variety of services for seniors. Ms. Smith left information for those of us who are looking for services for ourselves or have seniors for whom we are responsible. These materials will be available at our next meeting. For further information call Senior Health Services. Phone: 292-8752.

Publication

The Glen Park News received calls from two volunteers for Advertising Coordination in response to our appeal in the Winter 1999 issue. We apologize for not signing up those individuals immediately; we inadvertently misplaced their telephone numbers. We ask that those people, and any others interested in donating a little time, call 908-6728. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support.

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- Plain old generic help
- Suggestions for financial sponsors & raffle prize donors
- We also have a wish/needs list - Check it out
- Signup sheets & lists are located in the back of the room.

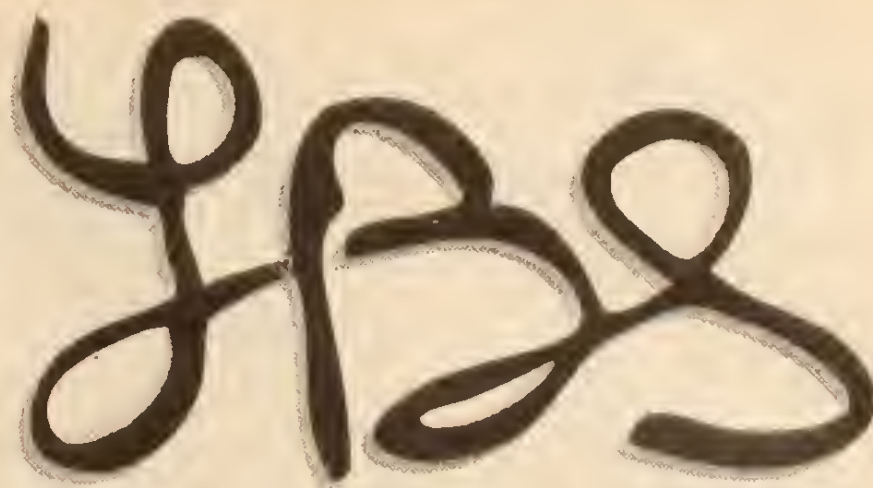
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The Goal: The purpose of the Festival is to create scholarships to send disadvantaged kids to Silver Tree Day Camp located in the heart of Glen Canyon Park, during the summer months, AND to get us all together for fun.

Next Committee Mtg.: Mon, 5/10 7-9pm
Call Judith Preeley, Chairperson, at 587-2008 for location

Festival date - Sunday Sept. 26th, 10am - 5pm

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